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NEWINGTON-DOVER PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS
PROPOSED WIDENING OF 3.5 MILES OF SPAULDING TURNPIKE

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation announces Public Informational Meetings have been scheduled in Dover and Newington to review and discuss a reasonable range of alternatives to be considered for study as part of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the planned widening of a 3.5-mile section of the Spaulding Turnpike (NH Route 16).

This project is intended to improve roadway safety and provide additional highway capacity in the vicinity of the Little Bay Bridges to address serious congestion problems. It begins north of Exit 1 (Gosling Road Interchange) in Newington and runs north to the Dover Toll Plaza, just north of Exit 6 (US Route 4) in Dover.

Various options have been introduced for the project, including rehabilitation, widening and replacement of the Little Bay Bridges; tearing down the General Sullivan Bridge; consolidation of the interchanges; and the layout of connecting roadways.

The first public meeting to discuss the preparation of the Rationale Report of the Environmental Impact Statement required for the project is scheduled for Wednesday, June 30, 2004 at the Dover City Hall Auditorium, 288 Central Avenue, Dover, New Hampshire. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and be followed by a question and comment period.

The second public meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 1, 2004 at the Newington Town Hall, 202 Nimble Hill Road, Newington, New Hampshire. This 7:00 PM meeting will also be followed by a question and comment period.